

July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOMING WORD *Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: To you I lift up my eyes,

C: to you enthroned in the heavens.

L: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,

C: for we have had more than enough of contempt,

L: too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,

C: and of the derision of the proud/

OPENING HYMN: #527 *All Creatures of Our God & King* (vs. 1, 2, 4)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam:

REFRAIN: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft; O clouds that ride the winds aloft: Oh praise him! Alleluia!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of evening, find a voice. **REFRAIN**

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds rich blessing on our way, oh praise him! Alleluia!

The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow, let them his praise abundant show. **REFRAIN**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our provider

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of the covenant,

C: in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1-5 ¹A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 ²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13 ¹Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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SERMON HYMN: #423 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need;
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed.
We, your servants, bring the worship; not of voice alone, but heart.
Consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread.
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion, healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight.
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER - Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planet and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

BENEDICTION *May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN: #566 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love.
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake.
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our father's God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mary Jane Ellis (friend of Bonny Kellogg), Kristin Swedlund-Twiton, Mike Mackler (friend of Char Smith), Connie Peterson, Bonnie Bender, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Norbert Haag (brother of Virgil Haag), Richard Schuhler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg), Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, Shirley Thompson, Brock Howe, Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith), Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Jeannie U'Ren, Ruth Ann Nemet, Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother), Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Irene Bruflat, Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & Jean Bower), Bill Steinhauer, Harlan Oimoen, Peter Toniazzo, Grace Aavang, Carol Johnson

Our partner congregation IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño, P.R

OUR SYMPATHIES & PRAYERS are with the family & friends of Helen Martinson. Helen passed away on June 25.



ELC 'COFFEE TIME' Coffee Time meets on Wednesday at 10:00am AND we meet "in person". Join us at ELC for time to gather and catch up with our church family.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on TUESDAY, June 29 at 9:00am to help assemble the July / August newsletter. Newcomers are welcome. The assembly process usually takes about 2 hours, but no one needs to stay for the whole time. Please, come and enjoy the fellowship.

ELC T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE We have new ELC t-shirts available for purchase. They are a dark green t-shirt with our ELC logo. \$5.00 per shirt, payable to ELC.

OFFICE MANAGER JOB POSTING Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt Horeb is seeking an office manager to perform day-to-day administrative activities in the operation of the church and be the first-line contact for congregation members as well as the public. This person should understand the mission of the church (but does not need to be a member), have excellent interpersonal skills and should be proficient in word processing, bookkeeping, data base, web maintenance and working with spreadsheet programs. They should have strong organizational skills with the ability to multi-task and ideally have a minimum of 2 years of office management, administrative support, or secretarial experience, but not required. The position includes PTO days and is somewhat flexible up to 30 hours a week. Pay will be partially determined by experience. Training will be available.

ELC FAITH CONNECTION- Our ELC Group on Facebook, *ELC Faith Connection*, is for everyone of all ages. This summer, keep your eyes open for 'hearts' you notice in nature. Share your photos on our Facebook group and we will draw names for gift cards to our local community before school begins. #heartsinthewild. Contact Brenda, if you need help connecting.



	VBS/DAY CAMP at ELC July 12 - 15 th , 9:30 am - 11:30 am (Children ages 3 yrs. - 5 th grade) TO REGISTER ONLINE: https://forms.gle/3FCz1yfrYqQEcxph6 CONTACT: brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org
	LUTHERAN CHURCH of Mount Horeb GAMES FRIENDS BIBLE TIME OUTDOOR

2021 ELC SUMMER FUN Save the dates)

- **VBS/DAY CAMP 2021 JULY 12 - 15th 9:30 - 11:30 am** (Youth ages 3 - 5th grade)
ONLINE SIGN UP LINK: <https://forms.gle/3FCz1yfrYqQEcxph6> A time to be together outside in God's creation.
- **EXPLORER DAY AT SUGAR CREEK - July 26th, 9 am - 3 pm** (Children entering 1st - 5th grade in fall 2021) Email Brenda to sign up.
- **CONFIRMATION CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK July 25 - 30th**, (7th & 8th) Register online at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org
- **GIVE/LOVE/SERVE (Service days) - New for 2021** - Middle - High school youth may join us on **Thursdays**, throughout the summer, to help in various local service opportunities. This provides us with helping our neighbors all summer, and allowing flexibility for our youths with their summer schedules. **REGISTER online:** (Link can be emailed as well) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-giveloveservice>

BRAT STAND AT ELC: July 17th, 10 am - 2:30 pm Come & enjoy a brat/hot dog, during the Mt Horeb Art Fair. Funds will support our youth summer trips in 2022.

CAR WASH Bring your car, truck, or even a golf cart on July 22nd, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM at ELC in our back parking lot. Youth will be raising funds for SABA International, as a part of our GIVE/LOVE/SERVE days.

DONATIONS NEEDED For our youth mission days, "Thriving on Thursdays", we are planning on making some tied fleece blankets for St. Vincent de Paul's housing program, and assembling meals for the Little Food Pantries in Mt Horeb. **Two ways to donate by July 25th:**

- **Blankets** need to be a twin size (60 in x 90 in); measure 2 ½ yds of fleece. Each blanket needs two pieces to be tied.
- **Food donations** Check on our signup link below to see the food items needed to complete two different recipes. If you have trouble connecting, please contact Brenda.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-meal>

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding

Monday, Psalm 119:81-88, The Glories of God's Law

Tuesday, James 5:7-12, Patience in Suffering

Wednesday, John 7:1-9, The Unbelief of Jesus' Brothers

Thursday, Psalm 85:8-13, Prayer for Restoration of God's Favor

Friday, Colossians 4:2-18, Further Instructions & Benediction

Saturday, Luke 1:57-80, Birth of John the Baptist & Zechariah's Prophecy

TALK: Consider some of these ideas: *"[Jesus] said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'"* Mark 6:10-11. Jesus had just experienced rejection from his home town and is now sending his disciples out to two by two to join and share in the ministry that he has been doing; proclaiming God's word, casting out demons, anointing with oil, and curing those who were sick.

- Have you ever experienced not being welcomed and/or have been refused to be listened to?
- If you were unwelcomed and not listened to, how did that rejection feel like to you?
- Have you ever been the one to not welcome or listen to someone else?
- How might you share God's love with others? And how might you be open to welcoming God's loved shared by others?

PRAY: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESS: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.